

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Town of Brownfield**  
November 17, 2009

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks, Erik Walker and Cindy Willets

Others Present: Frank & Alvina Day, Michelle Day, Richard Perreault and  
Cindy Walker

Workshop mode of meeting was opened at 5:15 P.M. Regular meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M. and warrants were reviewed and approved.

Frank reported that he was on vacation last week. Ernie and Jeff hauled gravel to and worked on Farnsworth Road. Work on this road is done for the present. Trash was picked up and equipment was being used to clean out culverts on Tuesday. This work was performed without Dig Safe and a cable was cut. Frank is waiting to hear from the State regarding any possible penalties. Wednesday was a holiday. Thursday was spent cleaning out more culverts – by hand. About 10% of the culverts have been cleared. Out of the 27 American flags taken down, 11 need to be replaced. Some of the poles also need to be replaced and the flags are 3'x5' in size. Frank will look into the prices of replacement poles and flags. Carol asked what the condition of Farnsworth Road was and if there were any proposed plans to pave this road. Frank assured her that paving was not an option any time soon. He also needs to meet with Fryeburg's PW Director to see if they are planning on plowing in from the Haley Town Road end. There is approximately one mile left of the Farnsworth Road that still needs to be repaired.

A lengthy discussion followed on purchase order procedures. After much consideration and debate, Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol whereby the PW Department is exempt from pre-authorized purchase orders as long as the PW Director operates within the Town-approved budget. Cindy was opposed to this motion but it carried by a vote of 2-1.

Chief Perreault reported a quiet week for the Fire Department. A reminder that the annual Turkey Shoot is being held next Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Brownfield Community Center.

A benefit supper for the family of Clayton Eastman who lost his hay barn to a fire is scheduled for Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 P.M. at the Masonic Hall.

In preparation for the new sign at the Brownfield Community Center, a couple of phone calls will be made to see if there is a cherry picker available to help install the 2'x12' sign. The security code at the BCC has been changed and a note advising anyone using the building that does not have the new code to contact the Town Administrator or Rec. Director.

Several of the local R/E brokers will be called to get estimates on the value of the old town garage. The electricity will remain on so viewing is easier.

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Carol made a suggestion that the Selectmen try to meet once a month on a Saturday to try and get more work done. This meeting would be in the form of a workshop. It was determined that, starting in January, the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 A.M. will be a workshop meeting of the Selectmen.

Lighting towards the right front side of the Town Office is poor and the Oxford County Sheriff's Department will be contacted to see if they will leave the light on in front of this building. It is possible that the light could be put on a sensor that would automatically turn on at dusk.

Carol brought up that the Budget Committee was set up to have nine (not seven) elected citizens along with the PW Director, Treasurer and Selectmen. There are people interested in joining this Committee if not all positions are filled. Julie will look into this.

In the 2001 Town Report, it stated that for all town meetings, Selectmen will notify registered voters by US Postal Service of these upcoming meetings. The question was raised as to whether it will take a vote of the Town to do away with this article or, if this article was not repeated, is it no longer valid anyway. The Town Clerk will check with the legal department of MMA.

Erik brought up Stuart Smith's property and the wording of the Town's current Land Use Ordinance where the word "dwelling" is used instead of "building". He has created a formula that can be used when using a building's footprint to determine taxation instead of the customary "buildable base". After some discussion, Erik made a motion to abate parcel R14-027-00B in the amount of \$269.70. Carol seconded. It will be requested of the Tax Collector to write out an abatement for the Selectmen to sign. Cindy opposed this motion which passed by a vote of 2-1. It was then determined that a motion was not necessary but that the Tax Collector would be advised of the Selectmen's decision.

Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to adjourn at 8:15 P.M. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins  
Town Administrator